IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the title of the invention with the following:

~~CREATE~~ METHODOLOGY FOR GENERATING A MODIFIED VIEW OF ~~EXISTING IP SO ROUTING RESOURCES MAY BE USED IF IP IS NOT USED AND BASE LAYERS WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED~~ A CIRCUIT LAYOUT

Please replace the Abstract with the following paragraph:

A method for generating a modified view of a circuit layout ~~comprising the steps of (A)~~. In a first step, the method includes receiving the circuit layout from a design rule clean database~~, (B)~~. In a second step, the method includes extracting a base wafer layout from the circuit layout according to a set of computer executable instructions ~~and (C)~~. In a third step, the method includes modifying the base wafer layout according to the set of computer executable instructions.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 3 with the following paragraph:

The modified view generated in response to the run deck 204 generally facilitates reuse of, for example, routing resources of diffused blocks in the database 202 that are unused in a particular application. The original DRC clean database 202 is generally transferred via a first stream to a processing block 206

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and a compare block 208. The transfer may use a standard file format 210 (e.g., GDS2, also known as GDSII). The processing block 206 generally extracts base layers and any special layer tags of any unused diffused blocks 102 in the original layout database 202 in response to the instructions of the run deck 204. The base layers information extracted from the database 202 may be transferred from the block 206 to a processing block 214 as a base wafer 212 via a second stream using, for example, the standard file format GDS2.